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tians, were invited to look upon an *Ox*, that had for two or three days almost continually held his Neck streight up, and was dead of a Disease, the Owner could not conjecture at ; whereupon, the parts belonging to the Neck and Throat, being open'd, they found, to their wonder, the *Aspera Arteria* in its very Trunk all stuff'd with Grass, as if it had been thrust there by main force : which gives a just canse of marvelling and inquiring, both how such a quantity of Grass should get in there ; and how, being there, such an Animal could live with it so long.

*Of a place in England, where, without petrifying Water, Wood is turned into Stone.*

The same Searcher of Nature, that was alledged in the immediately precedent Observations, did impart also the following, in another Letter from *Oxford*, where he saith :

I was a while since visited by a Gentleman, who tells me, That he met with a Place in these parts of *England*, where, though there be no petrefying Springs (for that I particularly asked) Wood is turned into Stone in the *Sandy Earth* it self, after a better manner then by any Water I have yet seen : For I had the Curiosity to go to look upon pieces of Wood, he brought thence, and hope for the opportunity of making some tryals to examine the matter a little further, then I have yet been able to do. *Thus far that Letter.*

Since which time, He was pleased to give this further Information of the same matter, with a *Mantissa* of some other Particulars, belonging to this Subject, in these Words.

I was lately making some Tryals with the petrifyed Wood I told you off, which I finde to be a very odde substance, wonderfully hard and fixed: If I had opportunity to Re-print the *History of Fluidity and Firness*, I could adde divers things about *Stones*, that perhaps would not be disliked ; and I hope, if God vouchsafe me a little leisure,

to insert several of them in fit places of that *History*, against the next *Edition*. Here is a certain Stone, that is thought to be petrefyed Bone, being shap'd like a Bone, with the Marrow taken out; but with a fit *Menstruum*, I found that I could easily dissolve it, like other soft Stones: and possibly it may prove as fit as *Osteocolla*, for the same Medicinal Uses.

*Of the nature of a certain Stone, found in the Indies, in the head of a Serpent.*

There was, some while ago, sent by Sir *Phileberto Vernatti* from *Java major*, where he resides, to Sir *Robert Moray*, for the Repository of the *Royal Society*, a certain Stone, affirmed by the Presenter to be found in the Head of a *Snake*, which laid upon any Wound, made by any venomous Creature, is said to stick to it, and so draws away all Poyson: and then, being put in Milk, to void its Poyson therein, and to make the Milk turn blew; in which manner it must be used, till the Wound be cleansed.

The like Relations having been made, by several others, of such a Stone, and some also in this *City* affirming, to have made the Experiment with success, it was thought worth while, to inquire further into the truth of this Matter: since which time, nothing hath been met with but an Information, delivered by that Ingenious *Parisian*, Monsieur *Thevenot*, in his second *Tome*, of the *Relations of divers considerable Voyages*, whereof he lately presented some Exemplars to his Friends in *England*. The Book being in *French*, and not common, 'tis conceived it will not be amiss to insert here the said Information, which is to this effect:

In the *East Indies*, and in the Kingdom of *Quamsy* in *China*, there is found a Stone in the Head of certain *Serpents* (which they call by a name signifying *Hairy Serpents*) which heals the bitings of the same *Serpent*, that else would kill in 24 hours. This Stone is round, white in the middle, and about the edges